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SUBJ: ERDA/MINISTRY OF MINING COAL RESEARCH PROJECTS

REF: WARSAW 6750

1. JAN PETRUS, TREASURER OF THE JOINT FUND FOR S&T, HAS MADE THE FOLLOWING INQUIRY REGARDING IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ERDA/POLISH MINISTRY OF MINING DEFINITIVE AGREEMENT ON SPECIFIED PROJECTS IN COAL RESEARCH (ERDA CONTRACT NO. EF-77-A-01-2603). HE NOTED THAT FUNDS FOR THE AGREEMENT HAVE BEEN DEPOSITED IN THE JOINT FUND, BUT NONE OF THE MONEY FOR SUPPORT OF THE FIRST SIX PROJECTS, WHICH ARE WHOLLY FUNDED FROM THE US CONTRIBUTION, HAS BEEN RELEASED AS YET TO THE MINISTRY OF MINING. THE MINISTRY HAS ASKED PETRUS TO TRANSFER SOME OF THE MONEY TO PAY EXPENSES OF WORK UNDERWAY OR PLANNED. PETRUS POINTS OUT THAT, UNLIKE OTHER JOINT FUND PROJECTS WHOSE BUDGETS SPECIFY THE AMOUNT OF ANNUAL INSTALLMENTS, THESE PARTICULAR PROJECTS HAVE NO SUCH BUDGETARY BREAKDOWN AS YET. TO MEET THE IMMEDIATE NEED, AND PENDING FURTHER DISCUSSIONS ABOUT ARRANGEMENTS WITH US SPECIALISTS, PETRUS PROPOSES TO RELEASE FOR EACH

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PROJECT AN INITIAL INSTALLMENT PROPORTIONATE TO THE DURATION OF THE PROJECT (THAT IS, ONE-FIFTH IF THE PROJECT IS OF FIVE YEARS' DURATION, ONE-THIRD IF OF THREE YEARS' DURATION). THE CONCURRENCE OF THE SCIATT, AS COUNTERSIGNER FOR THE JOINT FUND, IS NECESSARY FOR PETRUS TO PROCEED. THE FURTHER INSTRUCTION ON PAYMENTS FROM THE FUND, PROMISED IN STATE A-3128 (JUL 29, 1977), HAVE NOT YET BEEN

RECEIVED.

2. MEANWHILE, JERZY KAHANEK (FOREIGN COOPERATION DEPARTMENT, MINISTRY OF MINING) TELLS US HE IS STILL UNCERTAIN ABOUT HOW THE INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL COSTS FOR THE POLES ARE TO BE COVERED, AS DESCRIBED IN REF. HE INDICATED THAT HE HAD MENTIONED THE PROBLEM TO DR. IRVING WENDER, AT THE PITTSBURGH ENERGY CENTER, WHEN HE ACCOMPANIED MINISTER LEJCZAK TO THE US IN OCTOBER. MORE RECENTLY, HE SAID, HE HAS WRITTEN ABOUT IT TO STANISLAW PAWLISZEWSKI, DCM AT THE POLISH EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON, BUT HAS NOT YET RECEIVED ANY RESPONSE. ALTHOUGH THE SCIATT HAS OFFERED SEVERAL TIMES TO RELAY ANY MESSAGES HE MIGHT WISH TO SEND TO USG OFFICIALS CONCERNED WITH ENERGY AND MINING, KAHANEK HAS INSTEAD ASKED US TO PROVIDE HIM THE TELEX NUMBER OF THE PITTSBURGH CENTER SO THAT HE CAN COMMUNICATE DIRECTLY.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: SCIATT REQUESTS AUTHORIZATION FOR THE RELEASE BY PETRUS OF THE INITIAL INSTALLMENTS FOR THE SIX PROJECTS, IN THE AMOUNTS INDICATED ABOVE, OR IN SUCH OTHER AMOUNTS AS MAY BE SPECIFIED BY THE DEPT OF ENERGY. THIS REQUEST IS CONTINGENT ON A DETERMINATION BY DOE THAT NO SERIOUS PROBLEMS IN ACHIEVING AN UNDERSTANDING WITH THE POLES CONCERNING QUESTIONS OF POLISH TRAVEL COSTS ARE EXPECTED AND THAT THERE ARE NO OTHER SERIOUS UNRESOLVED QUESTIONS. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IF SUCH PROBLEMS ARE FORESEEN, WE SUGGEST THE RELEASE OF FUNDS BE POSTPONED WHILE THE MATTER IS BEING RESOLVED. IN THAT EVENT, HOWEVER, WE WOULD URGE PROMPT ATTENTION TO THE ISSUE SO THAT THERE CAN BE THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE RESOLUTION OF ANY DIFFICULTY AND WORK IN THIS IMPORTANT AREA OF RESEARCH CAN PROCEED.

4. WE ALSO REQUEST A TELEX NUMBER TO GIVE TO KAHANEK. TO ENSURE COORDINATION, HOWEVER, WE RECOMMEND THAT PITTSBURGH OFFICIALS RESPOND THROUGH DEPARTMENT AND EMBASSY CHANNELS TO ANY DIRECT COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE MINISTRY OF MINING ABOUT NON-TECHNICAL MATTERS.

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